GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:408
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2000
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GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses damaged in continued shelling by the Pakistani troops from across in the LoC in J&K during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of families affected in these areas; and

(c) the assistance the Government propose to extend to the victims of this continued aggression by Pakistan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in respect of parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.408 due for answer on 21.11.2000

(a): Information in respect of damage to houses along the LoC in J&K due to shelling from across the border is not maintained by the Central Government.

(b) & (c): The approximate number of families displaced in Kargil, Leh and Jammu during Kargil intrusion and due to shelling were 3574, 540 and 20000 respectively. While those displaced from Kargil and Leh have since returned to their homes, 11044 families displaced from Akhnoor sector of Jammu region have not yet been able to return. The State Government has provided free ration, cash assistance, ex-gratia relief to the next of kin of those killed, compensation for damage to immovable property and medical treatment for the affected families. The expenditure on this account has been reimbursed by the Central Government to the State Government. In addition, bunkers are being constructed on areas along the Line of Control for protecting inhabitants from loss of life due to shelling.